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REMARKS

1. On 24 September 1950 the Rosslau (N 52/E 17) billeting area was very heavily occupied by troops. Troops were seen to arrive by train. A train of 12 boxcars carrying troops who wore black-bordered green epaulets, and of flatcars carrying 42 trucks [redacted] reached Rosslau on 23 September 1950.

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2. Senior Lieutenant Penkanoff (fnu) said that fall maneuvers would be held in the Wittenberg-Zerbst-Magdeburg-Koethen area. The troops participating in the maneuvers would return in mid-October 1950. \*

\* [redacted] Comment. The report seems to indicate that the component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Rosslau, or at least large elements of those units, may have returned to their post by 23 September 1950, presumably coming from the order-Markendorf maneuver area.

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[redacted] It is by no means assumed that the heavy occupation of the billeting area was due exclusively to the presence of MVD units. It seems that the elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div returned to Rosslau for only a temporary stay, because they will probably participate in the fall maneuvers in the area specified in the report.

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[redacted] It is possible that the elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Zerbst and Koethen which were detained in the Jüterbog-Trebbin area between 21 and 27 September 1950 are also going to participate in the maneuvers scheduled in the Magdeburg-Zerbst-Wittenberg area.

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